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Columbus Division of Police Laser vs. Aircraft Public Service Announcement

The Columbus Division of Police is helping to educate the public about the dangers of pointing lasers into the cockpit of aircraft through a public service announcement that a convicted felon assisted with producing.

38-year-old Eugene Robinson plead guilty in April 2019 to interfering with the operation of an aircraft with a laser, a felony. The crime took place July 19, 2018.

As part of a plea agreement in Franklin County Common Pleas Court, Robinson agreed to appear in a public service announcement about the dangers and potential penalties for pointing lasers at aircraft.

Detective Patrick Seaman with the Columbus Division of Police Homeland Security Section recently collaborated with Faith Life Ministries to produce this PSA: https://youtu.be/_CGY09lqxwM

“Interfering with the duties of a police officer, especially when it can endanger the lives of others, is not something law enforcement takes lightly. Whenever and however we can educate others to prevent criminal acts from occurring, we call that a win for us and the community,” says Chief Thomas Quinlan.





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